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Floride Calhoun

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St. Augustine
December 20th 1857

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C626.

My dear Anne

After reaching three weeks

in Charleston, we left for this place,
and on the whole, had a pleasant passage,
Kate, and the little scrag, stood the travel
remarkably well, and we are all quite
happy to be here without an accident.

Strange to say (although the sea was
rough) I was not the least sea sick.
Both Kate, and Willy, suffered much, as
well as many other persons from sea
sickness, and I felt but little from
our own carriage and horses out us
at the landing, and we had a pleasant
ride here. Already many persons have
called on me, and tomorrow there will

many more. None of us went to church
today it rained so hard. The church is very nice
now. I am more pleased with the place than
I expected to be, and when I see more of
it, will like it better. Every thing reminds
me of mid summer, every thing green, and the
roses in full bloom. The palmettos there
look beautiful before the door, and
the weather as warm as summer.

When it asks for the difficulties of
getting them, I would like to spend
all my remaining winters here.

Now about Patrick, I heard he had
returned to Washington, if so, hope he
received my three letters written since,
particularly my last, respecting the
money coming to me from the work.

Do urge on him the necessity of

looking after my part, as well
as Willy, and say to him, if he
and Mr Clemson, got things, why
cannot mine be had, particularly
as it is for a Widowed mother
that requires it, and will be put
to much inconvenience if I do not
get it as soon as possible. It has
been hinted to me that probably it
has been given Mr Brall, as part
of John's debt to him. I do not
think it can be so, as I have never
said so, and if you, and Patrick,
did not go that way, why should mine,
a Cornelian, as I knew all her
sister, and she never gave into it
I know. I hope Mr Clemson, has
heard for Mr Brall, and that he has
secured my money for me, and all

that he will let me know soon to draw
for it. Ask Mr. Benson, to write James
to send me the papers as he promised me
giving me a right to his part of the
work, and let me know his answer.
I hope Patrick will still come South,
so I must see him on business.

Mrs. Smith, Kate Hunt desires, ~~desires~~ love
to you though not acquainted. Kate and
Willy join me in love to all, and
kisses to the little girl.

your devoted mother

Florida Calhoun

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Mrs. A. C. Benson.